

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claim 1-7, 9-17, 20, 24, 25, and 28, and **ADD** claim 29, as follows:

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1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A playback apparatus to perform a playback operation on a storage medium which includes in which audio data recorded in an audio area with catalog playback information and catalog information related to the audio data are recorded in another area other than the audio area, wherein the catalog information comprises common catalog data ~~for information commonly applied for more than one the entire of the~~ audio data recorded on the storage medium, and title catalog information data having information corresponding to each distinct items of the audio data, the playback apparatus comprising:

a decoding unit to decode the audio data, the common catalog data information and the title catalog data information; ~~a storage device to store the common catalog data and the title catalog data of the audio data which is to be played back~~; and

a controller to control the decoding unit ~~and the storage device~~, so as to simultaneously decode the audio data to be played back and one of the common catalog data information and the title catalog data information corresponding to the audio data to be played back according to the catalog playback information.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The playback apparatus of claim 1, wherein the controller stores the common catalog data information and the title catalog data information of the audio data which is to be played back prior to playing back the audio data.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The playback apparatus of claim 1, wherein ~~catalog playback information is stored on the storage medium~~, and the controller distinguishes whether the catalog playback information exists in the storage medium by defining file names of the catalog playback information, defining a region of the storage medium predetermined by a physical or logical address designated as a space for storing the catalog playback information, or defining information indicating whether of a file exists in which the catalog playback information is stored and a location of the file in a volume information region, during the playback operation.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A playback apparatus to perform a playback operation on a storage medium ~~in which~~ includes audio data stored in an audio area with catalog playback

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information and catalog information related to the audio data ~~are recorded and stored in another area other than the audio area~~, wherein the catalog information comprises common catalog data ~~for information commonly applied for the entire~~ more than one of the audio data recorded on the storage medium, and title catalog data having information corresponding to distinct items each of the audio data, the playback apparatus comprising:

~~a storing unit which stores the common catalog data, the title catalog data and additional information relating to the audio data; a video decoder which decodes one of the common catalog data information and the title catalog data information, and the additional information, to generate a restored image;~~

~~an audio decoder which decodes the audio data to be restored, to generate restored audio signals; and~~

~~a controller which controls playback of one of the common catalog data information and the title catalog data information corresponding to a selection of a user according to the catalog playback information.~~

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The playback apparatus of claim 4, wherein the controller reads the common catalog data information and the title catalog data information ~~from the storing unit~~ in a predetermined sequence.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The playback apparatus of claim 4, wherein the common catalog data information and the title catalog data information ~~stored in the storing means~~ are defined to be within a predetermined size.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The playback apparatus of claim 4, further comprising a storing unit which stores the common catalog information and the title catalog information, wherein a data size of a sum of the common catalog data information and data of one title catalog from a plurality of title catalogs which form the title catalog data information is at or smaller than a capacity of the storing unit.

8. (ORIGINAL) The playback apparatus of claim 4, wherein the restored image is a still picture for background display, and the additional information is a sub-picture for transferring characters.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The playback apparatus of claim 4, wherein the video decoder decodes the common catalog data-information and the title catalog data-information according to a standard digital versatile disk-video (DVD-Video) specification.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The playback apparatus of claim 4, wherein: catalog playback information is stored on the storage medium, the catalog playback information includes a file identifier and an audio presentation information table used to determine determining a location of the common catalog data information and the title catalog data-information to be played back corresponding to a predetermined time in accordance with real-time playback information of audio obtained from the audio data during real-time playback, and

wherein if a user does not enter a catalog selection command for a given time during a playback mode of the audio data, the controller reads the audio information table to extract the corresponding one of the common catalog data-information and the title catalog data-information of the audio data being played back.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A playback apparatus to perform a playback operation of a storage medium which includes encoded audio data in an audio area with catalog playback information and encoded catalog information in another area other than the audio data and which is related to the audio data, wherein the encoded audio data encoded catalog information and the encoded catalog playback information are stored on a storage medium, and the catalog information comprises common catalog data for information commonly applied for the entire more than one of the audio data recorded on the a storage medium, and title catalog data having information corresponding to each distinct items of the audio data, the playback apparatus comprising:

an optical pickup which reads the encoded audio data, the common catalog information data and the title catalog data-information; and

a decoding unit which decodes the encoded audio data, and one of the encoded common catalog data-information and the encoded title catalog data-information read from the storage medium according to the catalog playback information.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The playback apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising:

a storage device which stores the read one of the encoded common catalog data information and title catalog ~~data~~information, prior to the optical pickup reading the encoded audio data from the storage medium.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The playback apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising:

a controller which controls playback of one of the encoded common catalog data information and a title of the encoded title catalog data-information corresponding to a selection of a user and the read encoded catalog playback information.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A playback apparatus for playing back a storage medium having catalog information stored in a catalog area and which is related relating to DVD-audio stored in an audio area other than the catalog area and which includes catalog playback information and the DVD-audio, wherein the catalog information ~~and the DVD-audio are stored on a DVD, and the catalog information comprises common catalog data for information commonly applied for the entire more than one of the audio data recorded on the a storage medium, and title catalog data having information corresponding to each distinct items of the audio data~~, the playback apparatus comprising:

an optical pickup which reads the DVD-audio storage medium and the corresponding common catalog ~~data~~information and title catalog ~~data~~information; and

a processor which reproduces the common catalog ~~data~~information and title catalog ~~data~~information according to the catalog playback information using an editing system for DVD-video and the DVD-audio.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The playback apparatus according to claim 14, wherein: the DVD storage medium further stores DVD-video, and the processor reproduces the DVD-video according to the editing system for the DVD-video.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording apparatus to perform a recording on a storage medium, comprising:

an encoding unit to encode audio data and catalog playback information to be in an audio area and catalog information related to the audio data to be in another area other than the audio area, wherein the catalog information comprises common catalog data for information

commonly applied for the all of the entire audio data recorded on the storage medium, and title catalog data having information corresponding to distinct items of the audio data, and wherein the catalog playback information includes information on which one of the common catalog data and the title catalog data is to reproduced when the corresponding items of the audio data are reproduced; and

an optical pickup to recording-record the encoded audio data and the catalog playback information in the audio area, and the encoded common catalog data and title catalog data in the another area.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording apparatus according to claim 16, wherein: ~~the encoding unit encodes catalog playback information,~~ the optical pickup records the encoded audio data, common catalog data and title catalog data in accordance with the catalog playback information, and

the recording apparatus further ~~comprising~~ comprises a controller which defines file names of the common catalog data and title catalog data for storage on the storage medium, defines a region of the storage medium predetermined by a physical or logical address designated as a space for storing the catalog playback information, or defines information indicating whether a file exists on the storage medium in which the catalog playback information is stored and a location of the file in a volume information region of the storage medium.

18. (ORIGINAL) The recording apparatus according to claim 16, wherein: the encoding unit encodes video data representing an image which is a still picture relating to the audio data, and additional information which represents a sub-picture for transferring characters; and

the optical pickup records the encoded video data and the encoded additional information on the storage medium.

19. (ORIGINAL) The recording apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the encoding unit encodes the common catalog data and title catalog data according a standard digital versatile disk-video (DVD-video) specification.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the optical pickup records the common catalog data and title catalog data in an image

information region of a volume space of the storage medium, and records the audio data in an the audio region of the storage medium.

21. (ORIGINAL) The recording apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the optical pickup records the common catalog information and the title catalog information in an image title set of the image information region, and the optical pickup records the catalog playback information in an audio management region of the audio region and distinct items of the audio data in respective audio title sets of the audio region.

22. (ORIGINAL) The recording apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the title catalog information is divided in distinct title catalog information corresponding to the respective ones of the distinct items of the audio data, and the optical pickup records the distinct title catalog information into respective program chains of the image title set.

23. (ORIGINAL) The recording apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the catalog playback information comprises locations of image information in which the common catalog data and the title catalog data are recorded, a file identifier, and an auto presentation information table in which is stored the locations of one item of the common catalog data and the title catalog data to be played back corresponding to a predetermined time according to real-time playback information of the audio data obtained by real-time playback of the audio data.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording apparatus according to claim 22, wherein:
the catalog playback information comprises:

locations of image information in which the catalog information is recorded,
a file identifier, and

an auto presentation information table in which is stored the locations of one item of the catalog information to be played back corresponding to a predetermined time according to real-time playback information of the audio data obtained by real-time playback of the audio data,

the file identifier comprises:

a plurality of program chain numbers corresponding to the program chains of the common catalog information and the title catalog information, and
catalog pointers pointing to locations on the storage medium of the program chains, and

the auto presentation table has playback time information which appropriately and automatically plays back the catalog information, using the real-time playback information obtained from the audio data while each recorded item of the title catalog information is played back, and

information on the playback location of the catalog information, so that the auto presentation information table has information on still pictures and sub-pictures to be played back within the catalog information when a user has not input commands while one item of the title catalog information is played back.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording apparatus according to claim 17, wherein:
the optical pickup records the common catalog information and the title catalog information in an image title set of an image information region of the storage medium, and
the optical pickup records the catalog playback information in a predetermined information region of an audio file and distinct items of the audio data in respective audio title sets of ~~an~~ the audio region of the storage medium.

26. (ORIGINAL) The recording apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the title catalog information is divided in distinct title catalog information corresponding to respective ones of distinct items of the audio data, and the optical pickup records the distinct title catalog information into respective program chains of an image title set on the storage medium.

27. (ORIGINAL) The recording apparatus according to claim 16, further comprising:
a decoding unit which decodes the encoded audio data and the encoded common catalog data and title catalog data read from the storage medium;
wherein the optical pickup reads the encoded audio data, common catalog data and title catalog data.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording apparatus according to claim 17, further comprising:
a storage device which stores the common catalog data and title catalog data of the audio data which is to be played back; and
a controller which controls the decoding unit and the storage device, so as to simultaneously decode the audio data to be played back and a corresponding one of the

common catalog data and title catalog data corresponding to the audio data to be played back in accordance with the catalog playback information;

wherein the controller distinguishes whether the catalog playback information exists in the storage medium by defining file names of the catalog playback information, defining a region of the storage medium predetermined by a physical or logical address designated as a space for storing the catalog playback information, or defining information indicating whether a file exists in which the catalog playback information is stored and a location of the file in a volume information region, during the playback operation.

29. (NEW) A playback apparatus comprising:

a playback unit to perform a playback operation on a storage medium on which audio data is recorded with catalog playback information an audio area, and catalog information related to the audio data is recorded in another area other than the audio area, wherein the catalog information comprises common catalog information commonly applied for more than one of the audio data recorded on the storage medium, and title catalog information corresponds to each of the audio data, the playback unit to reproduce the audio data and the corresponding one of the common catalog information and the title catalog information according to the catalog playback information.